

## FREDERICK COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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### Minutes of Meeting

#### Welcome

Faith Klareich called the meeting to order at 3:03pm and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

#### Attendance:

##### Members

<u>X</u> Faith Klareich	<u>    </u> Tiffany Fossett	<u>X</u> Mark Sankey
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bird	<u>X</u> Elizabeth Law	<u>    </u> Ben Springer
<u>X</u> John Ferri	<u>X</u> Nathan Pool	<u>X</u> William Steigelmann

##### Public Officials/Staff Liaisons:

<u>X</u> Dawn Ashbacher, Manager, Climate and Energy, Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment	<u>    </u> Kai Hagen, Frederick County Council Liaison
<u>    </u> Shannon Moore, Director, Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment	

#### Guests:

Michael Nail; Lindsey Humphrey, Program Administrator, Dept. of Climate and Energy, DEE; Kristin Mielcarek, Grants Manager, DEE; Logan McSherry, Project Manager, Dept. of Climate and Energy, DEE

#### Approval of the agenda:

Faith says the speaker will not be in attendance and requests the agenda be modified to not include the speaker and to include introductions of FCSC applicant Michael Nail and DEE staff. Bill makes a motion to modify the agenda. John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes for July 20, 2022, meeting: Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Betty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Division of Energy and Environment (DEE) Update:

1. Dawn updates
  - a. Introduces Climate and Energy Staff
    - i. Logan McSherry

- 1. Gives a brief overview of projects
- ii. Lindsey Humphrey (has microphone problems and phones in later)
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- iii. Kristin Mielcarek
  - 1. Gives an overview of Point of Rocks dam decommissioning
- b. Overview of the County Executive's Climate Initiatives Plan
- c. Green Homes Challenge Event and Sustainability Awards, October 20 @ 6:00pm
- d. Fleet commission plan
- e. Solar Co-op is going through the end of August

#### Legislative Recommendations to the County Executive – group discussion

- 1. Faith clarified suggestions should be finalized by the September meeting.
- 2. Betty proposed looking at previously proposed State legislation
- 3. Bill proposed legislation related to grid improvements
- 4. Mark suggested the GREAT committee create a white paper
- 5. Faith proposes lowering regional grid system percentage of dependency on coal/fossil fuel plants. Betty proposed answering - How can MD affect how PJM does its job?
- 6. Nathan brings up solar legislation. Bill proposes raising the cap on community solar limits. John recommends he and Nathan come up with proposed solar legislation.

#### Quarterly Report to County Executive

- 1. Mark would like subcommittee contributions to be submitted to him at least two weeks before the September meeting. The Commission should approve the document at the September meeting.

#### Introduction of FCSC applicant Michael Nail

#### Liaison with other relevant County, City, and local teams

- 1. Faith said she had recently sat in on a City Sustainability meeting, found their level of networking with other local sustainability groups interesting, and thought FCSC could benefit from similar networking actions. She asked commissioners for possible groups/organizations they like to act as liaison.
- 2. Betty mentioned Mobilize Frederick as group. Faith replied Mobilize Frederick is moving forward to make the organization a non-profit.
- 3. John mentioned Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Planning Commission, and other towns.
- 4. FCSC generally agreed it is a good idea and supported Faith working out a plan on how to move forward with FCSC proactively engaging with local groups outside FCSC.

### Subcommittee Updates

- South Frederick Corridor Plan – Faith
  - updated on Plan session that was held recently.
    - Form-based code
    - Three primary areas/districts
  - Had breakout groups
    - Observed push-back on form-based and mixed-use code as presented
  - No timeline for plan given
- Green Resources Energy Action Team (GREAT) – Bill
  - Nothing to report
- Sustainability Awards- Faith/Jenn
  - Will be planning for awards soon
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Faith
  - Nothing to report

### Commissioner Interests

- Mark said he has drafted a letter regarding the Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape Plan he will circulate among the FCSC for comment. Mark asked Dawn if DEE had anything planned for In the Streets. Dawn replied they do. Mark offered assistance.
- Betty gave update on Fort Detrick Area B, and suggested legislation for environmental contamination disclosure requirement when selling property.

### Public comment:

No public comment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

**A recording of this meeting can be found on the Frederick County Sustainability Facebook page.**

The council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2022.